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In re Application of:
Raymond E. Ozzie et al.
Application No. 10/631,206
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANAGING AND DISPLAYING
CONTACT AUTHENTICATION IN A
PEER-TO-PEER COLLABORATION
SYSTEM

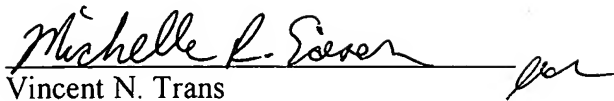
**DECISION ON REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY
OR AGENT**

This is a decision on the Request To Withdraw from Representation filed June 23, 2005.

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The request is **GRANTED**.

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